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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Yoshikazu KASUYA Serial No.: 09/963,924

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For: METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

Group Art Unit: 2814

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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed please find Form PTO-1449 listing the attached references which might be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

A. <u>Non-English Language References</u>

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